

Appl. No. 10/002,080
Response dated February 16, 2004
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All of the foregoing rejections are believed to be moot in view of the accompanying declaration of inventor Dennis L. Lemke establishing a date of conception of the claimed invention prior to the effective date of newly cited U.S. Patent 6,602,375 of October 9, 2001, and diligence in reducing the invention to practice.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing prior art rejections be withdrawn and all rejected claims 1-11 and 13 be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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